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A WORD ABOUT HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en, or Hallow even, is the last night in October, the eve of all Saints' Day. This holiday is endowed with more mischief-making elves, witches, fairies, ghosts, and black cats than any of the other festive days of the year.

HOW WE WILL CELEBRATE HALLOWE'EN

The executive Committee of the patients' Federation has announced plans for the annual Hallowe'en ball which will be held this year on the evening of Friday, October 31. The affair will be a costume party and promises to be one of the most colorful events yet arranged by this progressive group of live-wires who have given so many delightful entertainments in the past.

The subdued lighting in our spacious new ballroom will reveal an orange and black motif, with grinning black cats, huge yellow pumpkins, and hobgoblins. Kid Dime's Orchestra of Baton Rouge will give out with music sweet and hot and, of course, there will be refreshments--poor boy sandwiches, rosy-red apples, and hot chocolate. Cash attendance prizes will be awarded, and cash prizes of $2.50 each for the two best ladies's costumes, and $2.50 each for the two best men's costumes will be given. If you want to have an evening of fun and frolic then you should begin now to plan your costume.

PARTY PLANNED

The young Men's Club will entertain with a party in the new ballroom on October 12. About eighty guests are expected and plans for the evening include various unique indoor games with handsome prizes to be rewarded the winners, dancing and refreshments.

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THE SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS VERY FULL.

AMERICAN LEGION ENTERTAINMENT WILL OPEN NEW THEATER MORE ATTRACTIONS TO FOLLOW

When the rich, red velvet curtains part on the evening of Wednesday, October 8, at 7:30 P.M. it will be for the presentation of the first stage show in our magnificent new theater. Acrobats, dancers, singers and musicians will comprise the group of talented artists coming from Baton Rouge to participate in this program which is under the personal direction of Mrs. Hekenson. Mr. B. L. Spann is bringing us this show, sponsored by the local American Legion Post.

The Legionaires will bring more entertainment on Sunday, October 26th. Mrs. Walter Simmons has arranged a delightful musical program to be presented by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Covington, La., directed by Mrs. Frederick. Details of this entertainment will be posted on the patients' bullettin board.

The Boyd-Ewing Post of the Louisiana State University is cooperating with the Marine Hospital Post in planning a series of worthwhile entertainments from the University including dramatics, music, and lectures on current events. Commander L. B. Lucky of the University Post has appointed the following to serve on a special committee for Carville entertainment: Major Cole of the L.S.U. faculty; Prof. A.M. Culpepper, Director of L.S.U. band; and Prof. Willem Vande Wall, Director of L.S.U. School of Music.

Watch bullettin board for further interesting announcements.

GLEE CLUB TO ENTERTAIN

The B-Natural Music Club is rehearsing for a program to be presented in the new theater at a date to be announced later.

GOVERNOR JONES DESCRIBES HIS VISIT TO CARVILLE

Editor's foreward: The following article was written by Louisiana's governor, Sam Houston Jones, and appeared in many newspapers of the state. It is reprinted in THE STAR through courtesy of James B. Aswell, Director, Public Relations.

It was a dark night, cool after rain. We took the short levee road out of Baton Rouge and in less than an hour we were in Carville, where the only Leprosarium in the United States is located.

You could not appreciate Carville's Leprosarium now unless you had seen it a few years back, a cluster of crude wooden buildings, none of them fireproof. Now there are magnificent concrete, fireproof structures, equipped with all the latest hospital improvements, with private rooms for the great majority of patients.

All this is a dream come true. It was my good fortune to be in on the conception of that dream. A few of us, many years ago, began working to get a first class hospital at Carville for those afflicted with leprosy. We interested the American Legion in this project. We bombarded Federal officials at Washington, year after year, while the Legion took up Carville as one of its pet projects.

The acting head of the Hospital. Dr. Johansen (in the absence of the Medical Officer in Charge, Dr. G. H. Faget), whom the patients call "Dr. Jo," led us through the gleaming corridors, showed us the magnificent new theatre, equipped for sound pictures which play three times weekly. He took us through the clinics and the spotless kitchen.

This Carville institution is one of the finest hospitals in Louisiana. More than $5,000,000 in new plant has been built there and is still in process of construction. The patients are not gloomy or depressed. They know that every resource of modern science is being brought to their aid.

Later, when they gathered in the social hall and listened to some of WWL's star performers and one of the liveliest orchestras, I was very proud to be able to chat with them. Several in the audience were particularly elated because they were to be released on the morrow to take up their lives in the outside world, the disease fully arrested.

I have followed Carville's Leprosarium for many years and have rejoiced at each progressive stop made. Many other citezons have aided in the work, which was long and full of disappointments - but which is now crowned by success. It was a great pleasure to talk to some of the fine Legionaires at Carville who, despite their misfortune, have bravely carried on through the years in their own Legion Post at the hospital.

By the way, leprosy in not, according to latest researches, a contagious disease. There is no case recorded where an attendant or a nurse has contracted it by exposure in the hospital.

There are no votes at Carville. My interest in this institution is beyond all politics. It has brought me some of the most satisfying rewards, because to be able to do a little for those who can't do for themselves is, to my mind, something no man can be happy without.

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A VOTE OF THANKS

To the Adminstration, the Sisters of Charity, the Patient's Federation and entire patient body, we wish to extend our most cordial appreciation in making a success of our recent Fiesta (September 16, 1941).

CLUB MEXICO SOCIAL

Motto: Union, Protection and Recreation.

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AMERICAN LEGION OFFERS CASH PRIZE FOR BEST ESSAY

"What Americanism Means to Me" is the subject of an essay contest sponsored by the Marine Hospital Post of the American Legion. A cash prize of $5.00 will be awarded for the best essay and all patients of this institution are eligible to enter this contest, with the exception of members of the Legion Post and members of the Star staff. All entries must be submitted on or before Friday, October 24th and must not contain more than 500 words. Send your entries to Americanism Editor, care of The Star. The judges will be Matt Monaghan, Department Adjutant; Linden Dalferes, State Service Commissioner; and F. Chas. Deck, Assistant State Service Commissioner;all of New Orleans. The entries will be judged, not for their literary merit, but for sincerity of thought expressed. Write your own ideas of what Americanism means to <u>you</u> in simple language. The winning essay will be printed in the November issue of The Star and also in the Carville Communique column of the Louisiana Legionnaire and will be read as a special feature of the Armistice Day service on the morning of November 11th.

The American Magazine recently sponsored a nationwide competition on "What Americanism Means to Me". The prize winning essay was written by a 17 year old girl of Dallas, Texas. She said in part:"To me, Americanism means even more than a goodly heritage, privileges, and responsibilities; it means the kind help and understanding of a people who believe that anything that is honest is honorable---Americanism means that one man may trust another---Americanism means help for the unfortunate--Americanism awards success to those who make an effort to attain it, and each individual determines his rewards---Americans still follow the commandment, 'Love thy neighbor'--Sunday morning I go to the church of my choice, and I know I shall not be persecuted for being--or not being--a Catholic, a Protestant, or a Jew! In America, my soul is my own. I may follow the dictates of my conscience---Americanism means a government for the common good of all the people. Americanism means freedom, justice, tolerance, responsibilities, self-development, and kindness."

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POETS' CORNER

Original verse by patients

PEACE

-Marie Vazquez

"Peace and peace, my God,"
I asked
Once upon a troubled year,
When confusion reigned supreme
In a massive world of fear.

Gloom dispelled its evil shadows
Casting doubt and shaking zest,
Filling all my days with sadness
In a density of unrest.

How remote was peace just then,
Dreams seemed futile, hope
obscure,
As I turned to God again,
"Peace and peace my soul assure."

Then through clouds of understanding
Little voices break the spell,
"Peace the world has always
wanted
Peace, you'll find within yourself."

"Peace when doing what is right
Though the world may censure
firm,
Peace, when giving without binding,
Peace in honesty of self."

Peace I found and lost unrest;
May its ardor never wane
Till this interlude that's life
Transits on to meet its twain.

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NEW ROADS FOR OLD--PLEASE!

Visitors to this hospital, motoring from New Orleans and Baton Rouge, invariably complain, often groan, about the bad road between Gonzales and Carville. This is the last stretch of about 20 miles leading to the hospital and must necessarily be travelled; there is no other way to get here. The recent passage of heavy trucks laden with building materials have further damaged the road. In dry weather, motorists must do a bit of auto-broncho busting, and during the long rainy season the passage of the wet, slippery road is not only difficult but dangerous. Many people have told us that they would visit here at more regular intervals if we had better roads, and during the fall and winter months when entertainers come, they have to return late in the evening facing these hazards. The group from L. S. U. commented on this on numerous occasions. Now that our building program is almost completed, it is hoped that the present unsatisfactory road will be improved by making it an all-weather road with black topping or some such treatment. The benefits from the improvement would not be confined to the patients, their relatives and friends, but would extend to the hospital personnel (about 400) and to all those residing in this section and to the business interests of Baton Rouge. When Governor Jones visited us for the formal opening of the new recreational building, he had the pleasure (?) of traveling this road and in his talk to the patient body he mentioned that the State Highway Commission had promised him that something will be done about the road. We look forward to this most necessary improvement - new roads for old, please!

NOTICE

Single copies of the October issue of THE STAR will be in the Library at 5 cents per copy. Mail copies to your friends and relatives.

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NAVY DAY
October 27th.

ANN PAGE'S The LADIES

Tuesday evening, September 5 all of the patient's were the guests of the Mexican Club to help celebrate Mexican Independence Day. A tableau symbolizing the good-will of the two nations was presented prior to the grand ball. The typical American Girl, with her sailor dress of red, white and blue proudly showed our magnificent Stars and Stripes, the Statue of Liberty on her pedestal held her torch high over the heads of all, Peace attired all in white with the dove on her head, displayed a God Bless America banner, and the Senorita in her traditionally colorful costume exhibited her native flag. Our National Anthem was first sung, followed by the Mexican National Song, then all joined in singing God Bless America. There was a mixed chorus that ably assisted in the rendition of these numbers.

The Ball was a great success. Kid Dime's Orchestra from Baton Rouge was so popular that they have been engaged, by the Patients' Federation for the Hallowe'en dance and they will return for the New Year's Eve Frolic.

The ladies were fashionably gowned. The long full skirts gracefully swirled as they danced to give glimpses of silver evening slippers. There was an array of colors, pink, old rose, American Beauty, light blue, royal blue, navy, light green, maroon, lilac and white with rhinestones It may surprise some of you to know that many of these evening gowns are made by patients, who are expert seamstresses, others are ordered by phone or writing to large stores in the nearby cities. The Carville girls have much time to note style trends and delight in being dressed in the very latest vogues.

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As the trees began to drop their leaves these first delightfully cool days of autumn, many of our friends and relatives dropped things at home to come to Carville for grand visits. Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, Arizona, New York and California have been represented in the last month on the visitors' list. All of these people were pleasantly surprised with the beauty of our new buildings.

Visitors are always welcome at Carville even if they are not acquainted with any of the patients. We are proud of our surroundings and enjoy showing them to others.

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DID YOU HEAR THAT:

The lack of silk hose in England is being solved by painting the girls' limbs. Something is going to have to be done here. Girls, let's get Blue Jay to bring over a supply of paint and we do not mean war paint.

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The production of zippers has been cut down to save metal needed for the defense program. That apparently will put more zip in defense production BUT it means arising earlier for there will be less zip in dressing for meals.

WORRY WART

by J.D.Riley,M.D.

Exchange Editor's foreward:

Through the courtesy of the author we are permitted to reprint excerpts from WORRY WART which appeared originally in Sanatorium Outlook, monthly publication of patients in the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium, where Dr. Riley is superintendent.

This is a day of anxiety. It is written in the lines of human faces as you catch them off guard anywhere on every level of human existence. Worry is the bugbear of modern society and the menace that bids fair to make psychiatry the most enterprising department of tomorrow's medicine.

I should like to embody the whole world-wise menace of worry in just two words,"worry wart." The worry wart is one not content with working on today's troubles; he drags out tomorrow's,too, for worry today. The worry wart seeks out a worry stone on which to worry, and he attempts to squeeze into the present moment all the troubles of days and even years ahead.

The poor worry wart worries about his poverty. The rich worry wart worries about getting more riches to insure his present supply. Wealth and poverty are equally capable of turning out the finest and most typical worry warts. Worry warts are a menace anywhere, but especially when they are shut in.

All rational creatures plan or prepare for the future, but planning and worrying are not the same by any means. Planning for tomorrow is farsightedness, but to be anxious about the morrow is shortsightedness.

Your worrying, you know, is not helping matters. The rain will not stop because you fret about it. The sun does not appear because you fret about it. By worry you cannot change God's scheme of things. The inevitable is the inevitable and you must be patient. HE CONQUERS FATE WHO ACCEPTS IT. What worries most people are things that never really happen anyway.

You can endure anything when it comes, depend on it, and you can stand it better then than you can before it comes. If you face life's troubles courageously, taking one day at a time and sensibly remembering today has enough evil of its own to cope with, you will find even your worst ordeals anything but insufferable. Remember the jingle:

"Better never trouble trouble,
'Til trouble troubles you;
For you only make your trouble
Double trouble when you do."

Live one day at a time. The sun sets on each day. That is God's way of closing one day at a time. Let the setting sun close one day for us,too. When we have solved today's problems, the difficulties of tomorrow are that much easier.

It is doubtful whether any normal man can wholly escape worry, but he does not need to let it take possession of him.

It is to be expected that one would not be happy because of these things. But this same patient who is not happy because of his misfortunes, nevertheless attains a certain degree of deep and rich happiness from the satisfaction of doing his duty about it and not worrying about things that he can't do anything about.

The test of good common sense is whether one will do whatever he can do about the problems confronting him and not worry about what he cannot do; the test of genuine worthwhileness is whether one can accept the situation that is inevitable and smile under adversity and carry on to success, which is to make the best of our opportunities, and never, never be a worry wart.

BOUQUETS

FIRSTS

Dr. Guy H.Faget was the first subscriber to the 1941 STAR.The Doctor gave not only one, but two subscriptions when he came in person to THE STAR office in House 15 and found several members of the staff at work stapling and addressing copies of the paper. Dr. Faget was generous in his praise of our first edition,and warm in his approval of the venture as a means of occupational therapy,and he believes that it will be of constructive value to the patient body.

Mrs.Florence Cope Maurice of Covington,La., was first on our list of out of town subscribers. Mrs.Maurice,a former newspaper woman of Columbus,Ohio,has visited Carville on two occasions and is personally known to several members of our staff. She is deeply interested in our problem and in commenting onthe paper said,"I think it (THE STAR)can be developed into something not only interesting but of real value to Carville and much larger spheres. Good luck to "THE STAR."

We were delighted to receive the first edition of THE STAR, and we wish to extend our best wishes for its continued success. We missed the STAR when publication ceased. We are always interested in Carville happenings and think often of our friends who are now there.It is with pleasure that we enclose One Dollar for a two year subscription.

Edith M. Perry, Director,
Social Service Department
Kingston Ave. Hospital,
Dept. of Hospitals,
City of New York.

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Thank you very much for sending me a copy of "THE STAR". I enjoyed reading every line and am enclosing $1.00 for a year's subscription for me and for Mr. Smith W.Purdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D.C. Mr. Purdum has been very much interested in your hospital and was of great help to me in procuring funds for the new buildings. With warm regards to each one of you and wishing "THE STAR" much success.

Dr. John K. Griffith,
Slidell, La.

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Keep up the good work; I think your paper is grand.

Adam Matherne,
New Orleans, La.

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May I offer my congratulations on the appearance and contents of your September "Good Neighbor Edition."

W.M. Danner,
Secretary Emeritus,
American Mission,
Montclair, N.J.

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The complimentary copy of THE STAR was perused with a great deal of interest.With best wishes for the success of your publication.

Dr. H. E. Hasseltine
Medical Director,
Stream Pollution Invest.
Cincinnatti, Ohio.

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I have looked over the copy of your newspaper, which I think is very interesting. It is a splendid paper and I am sure it is very helpful to the patients.

Dr. J. D. Riley, Supt.
Arkansas T.B.Sanatorium

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BUZZING AROUND SPORTS WITH

BASEBALL

Much to our regret, our baseball season came to a close last month. Some of the best teams from Baton Rouge cavorted on the local diamond and we are looking forward to an even longer schedule of exciting games next year.

But baseball was not over in our minds until we heard the outcome of the World's Series. Local fans were evenly divided between the Dodgers and the Yanks and our Jack Dees were given good odds on both sides. These games were heard in our new auditorium over a radio and modern public address system. A group of our local boys devised a score board with lights on it so they could keep up with the World's Series.

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SOFTBALL

Carville's two softball teams have clashed in the opening games of a seven game series. They met in our new stadium at the corner of Oak and Fig. These two teams changed their names from Red and Blues to Eagles and Panthers. They played on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28. The Panthers won the first game by a score of 9 to 7 and the Eagles the second game 6 to 3. When the series is over the ball players will have a party, medals will be awarded to the winning team and to the player who showed the best sportsmanship during the series.

GOLF

On the first Sunday of October the Bobby Joneses went out to tune up their golf for the coming golf tournaments which will begin about the middle of October. The first of these tournaments will be sponsored by the Marine Hospital Post, 188, American Legion and is to decide the champion of the golf links. The final playoff is on Armistice Day when a handsome cup will be presented to the winner.

There will, also, be a handicap tournament sponsored by the local Bingo Club. Prizes will be awarded to the first ten winners, the first one receiving a trophy, a graceful figurine of a golf player, and the remaining contestants will receive medals and other prizes. These annual tournaments are always enthusiastically received, not only by the 20 or 25 players who participate in them, but, also by the large gallery that follows the game.

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BINGO

Our Bingo Club started running its game last week in the new recreational hall, an ideal place for this past time. The proceeds go toward keeping up the local sports such as softball, tennis, volley ball, golf and other games. This game is conducted once a week by the boys who participate in all sports.

HERE AND THERE

Japanese Incident

Did you happen to read the notice on the bulletin board calling for a Japanese interpreter to come to the laboratory at once? The story behind the notice is that Dr. Eccles recently performed a very unusual and very difficult operation; a similar case of surgery, as far as is known, has not been reported in medical literature with the exception of one instance by a noted Japanese surgeon who has described the operation in his native language. Dr. Eccles has the Japanese paper but to date no one from our cosmopolitan population has come forward to interpret it. The Doctor is desperate.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

It happened not so long ago. Two of our local damsels, one a dignified, stalwart dowager, the other a comely young matron, went strolling after supper. They passed the psycopathic building and, finding the door open, succumbed to the curiosity of their sex and stepped in to look the place over. After thoroughly investigating every nook and cranny, they found, to their horror and dismay, that the door by which they had entered, and the only exit, had automatically locked itself. Screams and hysterics followed in rapid succession. For almost an hour the two ladies remained imprisoned as a result of their own curiosity, until Junior, on the rear porch of House 41, hearing their screams, dashed to the rescue, a modern Sir Galahad.

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Dr. Dinan likes boogie-woogie music. He has been trying to persuade Grace, one of our most talented pianists, to desert Beethoven and Bach for Basin Street Blues.

Walking by the River

It is none of our business who it was, nor is it any of yours, and if he was keeping a tryst, well, that also is his affair. But we are concerned with what he found washed up by Old Man River. It was a bottle just a plain old bottle, but here is the interesting part: Inside the bottle was a note and the note gave the names and addresses of several lovely ladies (well, from their own description they were) and asking that the finder write and send his photograph. Romance will find a way but this time it detoured.

WAKE UP BUDDY:

Normally a very smart boy, arithmetic is in Buddy's own words: "Dealing me fits." Usually a day or so late with his class work, he approached Mrs. Page at breakfast one morning recently beaming because he had at this early date finished the work that should have been handed in at noon the day before, "These problems were so simple that I couldn't believe my eyes when the answer book showed my results were correct." Mrs. Page was very pleased that at long last it had "sunk in". On examining the paper her pleasure was short lived for Buddy had worked problems that he had passed over last term and not one of the current lesson.

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There is much activity these days in the back yard of Villa Graw. John and Harry are building the classiest barbecue pit in the village and it won't be long before the air will be filled with the savory aroma of barbecued chuck.

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MIRACLE REVIEWS THE MOVIES

Oct.11---THEY MET IN ARGENTINA--Deals with a young American's adventures in trying to carry out his orders under difficulties. It is a gay and tuneful romance of life below the Equator. James Ellison, Maureen O'Hara, Buddy Ebson.

Oct.14---KISS THE BOYS GOODBYE--Don Ameche, a director, and Oscar Lavant, a musical composer, search for a naive Southern girl for a Broadway show, and discover ex-chorus girl Mary Martin for the role instead. A gay and breezy comedy.

Oct.16--OUT OF THE FOG shows two gentle people, Thomas Mitchell and John Qualon, at the mercy of a cheap racketeer, John Garfield, who also upsets the happiness of Mitchell's daughter, Ida Lupino.

Oct.18--ZIEGFELD GIRL, Lavish and gorgeous is this musical extravaganza which tells of three girls, Lana Turner, Hedy Lamarr, and Judy Garland, who enter the Follies and meet happiness and defeat. Jimmy Stewart, J. Cooper.

Oct.21---MURDER AMONG FRIENDS.--Marjorie Weaver and John Hubbard find themselves kneedeep in homicide as 10 people sign a pact with $200,000 to go to the one who stays alive. It should be enjoyed very much by mystery lovers as there are many thrills and chills.

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Oct.23--LADY FROM CHEYENNE Loretta Young, crusading sufragette for women's rights, defeats the town's scoundrel, Edward Arnold, and helps women win the vote in Wyoming in the 1860's. Robert Preston is the hero.

Oct.25-DEVIL AND MISS JONES shows Charles Coburn as the wealthy owner of a department store who decides to become a clerk himself in order to find out why his employees hate him. Jean Arthur helps to humanize the bewildered tycoon, helped by the very likeable Robert Cumming.

Oct.28--I WANTED WINGS ,Exalting the spirit of flying, the film takes us through the step-by--step method by which three young men, coming from different social levels, become army flyers. Ray Milland, William Holden, Wayne Morris and Veronica Lake.

Oct.30-UNDERGROUND, Thrilling picture dealing with that brave band of German men and women fighting against the Nazi system by means of the illegal radio. Philip Dorn Kaaren Verne and Jeffrey Lynn.

Nov.1--LAND OF LIBERTY Leading stars of 116 pictures in last 25 years appear in this story. I am sure it will bring many memories to our 'old timers' and give the younger generation a glimpse of the stars of yesteryears.

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KIDDING KARVILLE

We understand that bicycle riding is very good exercise if taken in moderate doses and in the right places. I bet a few of us could tell you some wrong places to ride if we were asked. So all bicycle riders take a tip from us and "STAY IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD."

AN INTIMATE CHAT:

Saw in the paper where streamlined and stamped underwear is the latest wrinkle in Britain's war effort. The new government controlled undies will have no frills, little little if any lace, no fancy monograms, just the cold government stamp-CC41. Pink undies will probably cost $15 each. Girls, it seems our government controlled undies have been in style (British style) for some time. No lace or fancy initials, just a couple of initials and four numbers instead of two stamped on our most intimate garments. We can continue to do without pink but definitely could use a little streamlining, with silk on the priorities list women will be wearing more cotton. We agree most women could very well wear more of most anything, however if our cotton things could be streamlined there would be enough cotton left over to make a few more pairs.

--Gushing Lady visitor: My good man, you have beautiful manners, but you have been standing long enough. Please sit down. --Thank you, lady, but it is not my manners; it's my shot.

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN
By Lizzie Lump

Dear Lizzie: Such a nice boy calls for my mail every day and brings it to me. I can't understand all this attention. What's cooking?

Dizzie Newcomer

Dear Diz: You are, or soon will be, for the nice boy is simply following the old Carville tecnique. One day he'll show up with a percolator, an electric stove, a few pots and pans, and some groceries. From then on, dearie, you are on your own. Remember, I warned you. Lizzie

Dear Lizzie: I've been carrying the torch for a certain fascinating female for a long, long time. She doesn't even know I am living and, besides, she has a boy friend that she is ga-ga about. I don't think I can stand it much longer. What shall I do?

Feverish

Dear Feverish: Dr. Rollins wants to see you, and if that fails, there is always the Mississippi.

Lizzie

Dear Lizzie: When I came to Carville I had to leave my girl behind. Now I am wondering if she is two-timing me or do you believe that absence makes the heart grow fonder?

Greeneyes.

Dear Greeneyes: Yes--fonder of someone else.

Lizzie.

UNKLE JIM SEZ:

Sarcasm affects friendship like rust does a razor blade.

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Don't haf t' consult no Kalander t' tell thet t' holler-day season is aprochin'. Jest take a look at th' Male-Order House "Wish Books" a comin' t' th' Post-offus.

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Ranch-man over thar in Texas whar I live-writ Doc Joe invitin' him t' cum over n' hunt deer when t' huntin' season opens up. Doc cum a runnin' t' me all out o' breath; letter in one hand, cap in th' t'other, an' axed me questions fast like a machine-gun appopin'. Wanted t' no: did I no th' feller? Did I no th' ranch? Did I ever hunt on hit? was thar any deers an' did I recken he kud kill one if he went thar a huntin'. When e stopped t' ketch his wind, I sez- Shore, I noes th' feller, I noes the ranch, I hunted thar lots of times, thar is plenty o' deers, an' you kin kill one maybe 2- if you lay off th' likker an' shoot strait enuf.

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One o' th' gals sed I didn't no how t' spell nuthin' an' thet I was a ignerunt ole' coon. Waal, meby, I ain't much on spellin', but I am smart enuf ole coon thet no gigglin' female ain't goin t' hook me with one o' them thar "Seers-an' Roobuk-Wish Books".

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Black Boy thet wurks here says he shore is fond o' beans but he ain't hankerin' t' jine no mans army jest t' git t' eat 'em.

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Black Bully writ me thet th' high Sheriff over thar in Texas whar we live; lost th' keys t' the jail about a year ago. Thet didn't bother him none for he jist tuck th' prisoners shoes a-way. Can't run away barefooted because of sand-burn.

SCIENCE SPEAKS

Compiled by Joseph Ruano

Did You Know That:

In the four hundred acres of reclaimed swampland which constitutes this institution's site we find the following varieties of reptiles: Cottonmouth, moccasins, copperheads, rattlesnakes, King snakes, blue runners, chicken snakes and last but not least the snake in the grass which is considered by many people the most dangerous.

In China many people believe that anyone afflicted with this malady if bitten by a snake will be cured. We doubt very much that any self-respecting snake would condescend to bite us.

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More than half of all human diseases are also diseases of animals.

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A new treatment for severe burns is to spray them with sulfadiazine, a newer member of the miraculous family of Sulfene drugs.

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Mars will be closer to earth on October 3 than it will be for the next fifteen years. Its brilliant redish rays will attract universal attention and will temporarily outshine the mighty Jupiter which is a deep yellow in the night sky. The planets Venus, Jupiter and Saturn are well placed for observation in the early evening hours.

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All hurricanes in the northern hemisphere move counter-clockwise and all south of the equator move clockwise.

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Though water is H2O(two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen) the resultant molecules take different forms. Water as a vapor is largely single H2O molecules, ordinary water consists of dihydrol or a pair of molecules while ice is tri-hydrel or "tri-lots" of water molecules.

INTERESTING COMMUNICATION FROM DR. McCREARY

Greetings! Salutations! and Congratulations on the new paper THE STAR-and to paraphrase 'Long may it radiate'!

I received a copy of the first STAR Monday and was already thinking of writing to compliment you on such a worthy paper, complete with information, news, and gossip, when your letter arrived asking me for an informal account of my life and activities here.

To begin with, after being at Carville for 9 years and nearly 3 months, I was ordered to extended active duty with the Army We came up here August 11to look for a house or apartment.Failing to find anything even nearly satisfactory, we went by an agency on the way home, and closed a deal for a trailer.

Then came a week or so when I was trying to get my records and work in condition to be turned over to the other Members of the Staff there, while Mrs. McCreary was trying to pack.We got delivery on the trailer August 20. Then came four days and nights when we were trying to work,pack be entertained,make calls, receive visitors (especially tothe trailer) and snatch a few winks of sleep. Packing consisted of making up our minds what to pack for storage, what to put in the trailer, and what to throw away or give away. Everyone was nice and helpful in getting us ready for proper and punctual departure.For this we were truly grateful,and even if we are never returned to Carville (as we are supposed to be) we can never forget the many friends we made among the patients and personnel as well.

So on August 25 about 10:30 our little family of three- hot, tired and sleepy, but we hope not irritable, left there with a rather heavily loaded trailer. For the next 1½ hours at 20 to 25 miles an hour, we had some anxious moments with side swaying and the helpless feeling of being pushed by a freight car or locomotive.But shortly after crossing the Mississippi River Bridge above Baton Rouge, I came to the conclusion that it was similar to driving in Texas black waxy mud - the more you fight it the more likely you are to lose control and go in the ditch,working on this theory, I relaxed, took it easy and made it fine through heavy army traffic and all arriving about 6 P.M. at the trailer park just outside the Southwest gate of Camp Livingston. It being a little late to report for duty, we began trying to set up housekeeping in about the same amount of room as for one patient's room in the hospital or new dormitories. It is like a very compact efficiency apartment Every space, every nook,and every drawer and closet have a purpose. The principal features include running water, electric lights,Coleman gasoline range, International oil heater, two folding beds with inner spring mattresses, folding table, plenty of closet space for clothing and linens, trunk space for blankets, etc.,cabinet space for dishes, silver and groceries, but notmuch space for hanging towels, pots, and pans and not an awful lot of floor space - but the whole"piney" woods to run around in when time and weather permit.

The morning of August 26 I reported for duty, passed my physical examination, and was immediately assigned to the job of Medical Inspector of Camp Livingston, which is like being the Health Officer of a city of about 40,000 people. I am assistant to the Camp Surgeon in all things relative to sanitation, hygiene, preventative medecine, general public health work. I am the first full time Medical Inspector here. Heretofore, they have not had enough Medical Officers to spare one for this work full time. Judging by the condition I found some things in, somebody must have seen the need for a

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full time man on this job, and is likely the reason for my being ordered to duty here - in view of the fact that my record shows I have done this type of work before.

It is my duty to see that proper sanitation is maintained in the water plant, sewage disposal plant, incinerator, trash dumps, mess halls, garbage cans and racks, barracks, tents, etc. They have wooden buildings for mess halls, offices, canteens, recreation halls, chapels, Station Hospital and a few barracks. Most of the soldiers still sleep in tents. Most officers who do not live off the post are sleeping in officers' tents. The Hospital is the best equipped group here having barracks throughout. Among the good features are good water, bathing facilities, and sewage disposal. They also have natural gas for heating and cooking, a far cry from wood, which until recently was the standard fuel in temporary or semi-permanent cantonments.

Among my other duties I forgot to mention are to see that sleeping quarters are clean, sanitary and well ventilated (they really are.) I have charge of immunization and other measures incident to prevention and control of disease-such as insect control (mosquitoes, flies, etc.) and must take charge in epidemics and exercise such quarentine or isolation as is deemed necessary.

An immediate problem is trying to get some semblance of sanitation among the multitude of men here working on construction contracts. Their sanitation would have been a disgrace to the most illiterate of Bob Burn's imaginary relatives. I have induced most of them to provide conveniences that would make the well known Chick Sales Specials obsolete.

I think I will have the work running so smoothly pretty soon that I won't have to work over 8 to 10 hours daily.

I am enclosing 50¢ for a years subscription to THE STAR.

Needless to say that after working and living there more than 9 years I miss you all very much.

Best regards to all

F.D.McCreary, Major, M.C.
Station Hospital,
Camp Livingston, La.

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VISITING MEDICOS

Among the interested professional visitors in Carville during the month of September were: Dr. S. E. Urberg, Duluth, Minn. Dr. R. C. Arnold, Public Health Service Research Dept., U. S. Marine Hospital, Stapleton, N.Y. Dr. H. C. Knight, U. S. Marine Hospital, New Orleans, La., Mr. A. Hyttinen, U. S. Public Health Service Distric Office, New Orleans, La. Mr. C. Malmberg, U. S. Public Health Service States Relation Division, Washington, D. C., and Dr. L. F. Badger, U.S.P.H.S., Washington D. C.

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DR. PREJEAN WILL LECTURE AT DENTAL CONVENTION

Dr. B. M. Prejean, resident dentist of our hospital, will attend the American Dental Convention in Houston, Texas on October 27-31. Dr. Prejean is to have an exhibit and will also give a lecture on the 28th.

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NIGHT CLASSES BEGIN

Twenty-five students have enrolled in the Maude Thomas Memorial School for adults which opened on October Ist. The school is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of the American Legion Auxiliary. Jack Weir is the instructor.

REV. A. P. BOYD will attend the annual meeting of the American Mission in New York, on October 16.

PERSONNEL PERSONALS

By Miss Mary E. Browne

As busy and as cheery a group as can be found anywhere makes up the local RED CROSS workers, who are working under the direction, and in cooperation with, the East Baton Rouge Red Cross Chapter, with headquarters in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The local ladies are under the able direction of Mrs. G.H. Faget, and the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Jean Sanderson.

This group was organized in the Spring of 1941, and they meet on Wednesday of each week, from 1:00 P.M. 'til--(?), the meetings being held at the various quarters of the workers, who are: Mrs.G.H. Faget, Mrs.F. A. Johansen, Mrs. C.G. Eccles, Mrs. B. M. Prejean, Mrs. D. J. Gleason, Mrs.Bennie Engler, Mrs. R.P.Sharp, Mrs. E.D. Stanley, Mrs. R.E.Warthern, Mrs.Alex Haase, Mrs. E.A. Sanderson, Mrs. Jean Sanderson, Mrs. C.W. Tarbell, Mrs. P.I. Babin, Mrs. C. A. Clayton, Mrs. John Heuvel and Misses Gloria Stanley, Helen Babin and Betty Heuvel.

This is mainly a sewing and knitting group, the various workers providing portable sewing machines, and other equipment. The materials are supplied by the Baton Rouge Red Cross Chapter, and the finished articles are returned there. Among the items which have been completed here are: men's hospital pajamas, children's dresses, baby garments of all kinds, knitted suits, knitted beanies, knitted mittens and knitted sweaters.

Thus while providing worthwhile accomplishments, and many needed articles, a pleasant sociable afternoon is enjoyed by all the workers.

WITH THE CLUB:

The ladies' afternoon bridge club met with Mrs. B.M. Prejean on the afternoon of Friday, September 19th, when a lovely time was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the games.

The alternate Thursday evening Bridge Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Tice on September 11. A delicious plate of hamburgers "and what goes with 'em" was served, after which bridge was played, with time out while the President's speech was in progress.

On Thursday evening, September 25, the evening Bridge Club met with Misses Dill and Browne. A salad plate and sandwiches were served, after which the usual rounds of bridge were played. The successful winners were - 1st prize: Mrs. Bennie Engler, 2nd prize: Mrs. J. E. Roberts, and 3rd prize: Mrs. Russell Tice.

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Among the visitors to the station during the month were Mrs.C.A.Carver, of Flint, Michigan and her little son, Charles, Jr.. Mrs. Carver is pleasantly remembered here as Evelyn LaPlace, who was in the Dietitian's Office some years ago. She has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. LaPlace in Sunshine, La., for the month of September.